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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above the June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 382,000, 600-699 pounds were 470,000, 700-799 pounds were 794,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 658,000 head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance totaled 115,000 during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES UP 10 PERCENT

Cattle on feed June 1, 2000, in the historic 7 States in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.41 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1998.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.00 million head, 15 percent above both 1999 and 1998.

Marketings during May totaled 1.88 million, 10 percent above 1999 and up 11 percent from 1998.

Other disappearance during May was 85,000 head, 16 percent above 1999 and 31 percent above 1998.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, April and May 2000

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Apr	299	*309	568	511	*1,687
May	382	470	794	658	2,304

*Revised

Cattle and calves on feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed May 1			Placed during May			Marketed during May			Other disappearance during May			Number on feed June 1		
	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99	1999	2000	2000-99
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	208	276	133	30	37	123	26	32	123	5	5	100	207	276	133
CA	375	405	108	55	65	118	50	52	104	10	8	80	370	410	111
CO	1,120	1,180	105	180	195	108	200	180	90	10	15	150	1,090	1,180	108
IA	350	370	106	38	40	105	55	58	105	3	2	67	330	350	106
KS	1,980	2,230	113	480	550	115	430	470	109	10	20	200	2,020	2,290	113
NE	2,120	2,240	106	330	390	118	430	510	119	20	20	100	2,000	2,100	105
TX	2,430	2,660	109	620	720	116	505	565	112	15	15	100	2,530	2,800	111
7 States	8,583	9,361	109	1,733	1,997	115	1,696	1,867	110	73	85	116	8,547	9,406	110
Oth. Sts.	1,449	*1,552	107	316	307	97	299	304	102	26	30	115	1,440	1,526	106
U.S.	10,032	*10,914	109	2,049	2,304	112	1,995	2,171	109	99	115	116	9,987	10,932	109

*Revised.

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	1999		2000		1999		2000	
May	13	63.96	72.25		63.72		72.19	
May	20	64.53	71.17		64.27		71.22	
May	27	64.56	69.76		64.77		69.76	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

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Table eggs sold in mid-June 2000 averaged 35.0 cents, unchanged from mid-May. Table egg production in Florida during May was 205 million eggs, down 6 percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.11 billion during May 2000, up 2 percent from the 6.94 billion produced in 1999. Production included 5.97 billion table eggs and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 68.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2000 averaged 327 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during May 1999. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from 2,166 eggs in May 1999. May 2000 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays, one holiday and five Saturdays in May 1999.

All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2000, totaled 325 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 325 million layers consisted of 266 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 56.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.83 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2000, averaged 69.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from the 69.8 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.66 billion eggs during May, up 2 percent from May 1999. The average number of layers during May, at 306 million, was up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	1999	2000
January	49.0	41.0
February	45.0	38.0
March	44.0	41.0
April	37.0	43.0
May	28.0	35.0
June	37.0	35.0
July	34.0	
August	41.0	
September	32.0	
October	26.0	
November	42.0	
December	38.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month,
percent molting and molted

	Jun 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000	Jun 2000
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,562	10,725	10,444	10,324
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	4.5	0.5	4.0	8.0
Molt completed	31.5	28.0	36.0	36.0

Layers and egg production, May 2000, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand		Millions				Percent	
Alabama	10,327	1,917	198	63	135	1,203	5.0	5.5
Arkansas	15,496	1,968	305	114	191	2,105	2.5	6.0
California	23,729	2,170	515			4,075	11.0	34.0
Florida	10,324	2,102	217	205	12	1,371	8.0	36.0
Georgia	20,408	2,058	420	237	183	2,629	9.0	13.5
Indiana	22,947	2,284	524	511	13	3,089	3.0	29.5
Iowa	27,847	2,341	652			3,716	4.5	24.5
Maine	4,127	2,416	100			601	0.0	0.0
Maryland	3,295	2,185	72	65	7	459	10.0	32.5
Michigan	6,136	2,122	130			808	10.0	19.5
Minnesota	12,473	2,237	279	269	10	1,643	6.5	31.0
Mississippi	6,987	1,975	138	44	94	806	5.5	2.0
Missouri	6,108	2,210	135			801	2.5	21.5
Nebraska	11,867	2,107	250	250		1,488	7.5	22.0
New York	3,906	2,355	92			547	2.0	5.5
North Carolina	11,141	1,885	210	78	132	1,272	2.0	8.0
Ohio	31,389	2,227	699			4,147	5.5	15.0
Pennsylvania	22,552	2,306	520	497	23	1,094	6.5	18.5
South Carolina	5,031	2,067	104	86	18	594	7.0	28.5
Texas	17,208	2,144	369			1,241	6.0	18.0
Virginia	3,424	2,074	71	32	39	421	0.5	13.0
Washington	4,946	2,313	114			657	9.0	42.5
Other States	44,886	2,207	445	346	99	3,873	5.2	22.0
United States	326,554	2,176	7,107	5,971	1,136	42,427	5.8	20.4

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

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The May hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 10,132,000 was 4 percent above a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on June 1, at 8,369,000, were 2 percent above a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during May at 1,110,000 chicks, was 11 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on June 1, at 855,000 was 17 percent above last year.

UNITED STATES

The May 2000 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 775 million, was up 1 percent from May of the previous year. There were 639 million eggs in incubators on June 1, 2000, up slightly from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2000, down 4 percent from May 1999.

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 40.9 million, up slightly from May 1999. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.4 million on June 1, 2000, down 11 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 343,000 during May 2000, up 21 percent from May 1999

Hatchery production, United States

Item	1999	2000	2000 % of 1999
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jun 1	37,553	33,444	89
Chicks hatched during May	40,726	40,879	100
Pullets hatched during May for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	283	343	21
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,044	2,900	95
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Jun 1	637,956	638,871	100
Chicks hatched during May	766,422	775,181	101
Pullets hatched during May for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,736	7,435	96
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	61,893	64,725	105

^{1/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched November 1998 through October 1999 ^{2/} 2000 includes pullet chicks hatched February 1999 through October 1999.

MILK PRODUCTION

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Florida dairy farms produced 231 million pounds of milk during May 2000, 3 percent above the previous May. Production per cow, at 1,460 pounds, was 4 percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in May totaled 158,000, 1 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during May totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from production in these same States in May 1999. April revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from April 1999. The April revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 42 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,638 pounds for May, 28 pounds above May 1999.

The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 63,000 head more than May 1999 and 9,000 head more than April 2000.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
May	1999	160	1,400	224
April	2000	158	1,470	232
May	2000	158	1,460	231
20 Major States:				
May	1999	7,733	1,610	12,447
April	2000	7,787	1,592	12,399
May	2000	7,796	1,638	12,771
United States				
May	1999	--	--	14,458
April	2000	--	--	14,402
May	2000	--	--	14,834

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
		Thousand	Pounds		Mil. Lbs	
Jan-Mar	9,128	9,187	4,437	4,634	40,505	42,576
Apr-Jun	9,155		4,591		42,029	
Jul-Sep	9,171		4,337		39,771	
Oct-Dec	9,170		4,406		40,406	
Annual Total	9,156		17,771		162,711	

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for May 2000 was 4.2 million pounds, 35 percent above the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for May at 3.88 billion pounds, was 9 percent above 1999.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000	Year to date 1999	Year to date 2000
Florida ^{1/}					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head)	5	5	6	NA	30
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7	6	8	40	36
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,249	1,168	1,562	7,296	6,744
Red Meat production (million pounds)	3.1	3.8	4.2	16.7	21.3
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,997	2,782	3,176	14,702	14,963
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,559	3,344	3,799	17,774	18,153
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,188	1,202	1,196	1,209	1,213
Beef production (million pounds)	2,151	2,026	2,302	10,705	10,981
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	89	81	92	508	464
Total liveweight (million pounds)	28	28	31	148	151
Average liveweight (pounds)	311	343	340	292	326
Veal production (million pounds)	17	17	19	90	91
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,439	7,201	7,945	41,548	40,174
Liveweight (million pounds)	1,929	1,893	2,087	10,759	10,529
Average liveweight (pounds)	259	262	263	259	262
Pork production (million pounds)	1,417	1,394	1,540	7,912	7,758
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,603	3,460	3,878	18,812	18,934

^{1/} Florida calves data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 13 Florida Auctions May 1999 and 2000

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	1999		2000		Grade	1999		2000	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	105.16	83.64	132.28	113.60	Medium #1	88.36	75.93	105.81	95.28
Medium #2	90.74	74.55	115.34	102.28	Medium #2	79.63	67.53	96.40	90.84
All grades	99.68	80.93	126.16	106.33	All grades	84.69	73.62	102.83	93.10

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.